

**SECRET**  
SECURITY INFORMATION

PROJECT STATUS REPORT					REPORTING PERIOD <b>1-31 October 1953</b>	
1. CRYPTONYM a. Program <b>GEROCHER</b> b. Project <b>GEROCHER</b>		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH <b>WE/A</b>		3. COUNTRY Target <b>Austria</b> Base <b>Austria</b>		4. DATE ORIGINALLY APPROVED a. Program    b. Project <b>7 Aug 53</b>
5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER <b>[Signature]</b>		ROOM NO. <b>2704 J</b>		EXTENSION <b>3488</b>		SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER
6. TYPE OF PROJECT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>PP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SUPPORT</b>						
7. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OPERATIONAL</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>LIQUIDATING</b>						
8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED		O/S	U.S.	9. FY ALLOTMENT TO DATE		10. FY OBLIGATIONS TO DATE
U.S. - - - - -		<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>			
FOREIGN NAT'L - - - - -		<b>34</b>	<b>-</b>			
TOTAL		<b>60</b>	<b>1</b>	\$ <b>30,000</b>	\$ <b>6,303.71</b>	
11. Summary						
<p><b>(A) Mission:</b> To develop and strengthen the Austrian paramilitary program along the following lines: to develop the existing and potential paramilitary assets of 1) a labor union having units situated throughout Central and Eastern Austria, and 2) detached indigenous groups in the Salzburg-Tirol areas; to select and cache-equip suitable operational bases from which these groups may operate during hostilities; to establish an Evasion and Escape line from Eastern to Western Austria with feeder lines from the Czech and Hungarian borders and connecting links to the Swiss, Italian and German borders.</p> <p><b>(B) Plan:</b> To spot and recruit sufficient personnel to build the nucleus and skeletal groups needed to achieve peacetime development of the objectives outlined in (A) Mission; to spot and earmark for emergency recruitment those remaining personnel needed to activate the paramilitary program at full strength in the event of hostilities.</p> <p><b>(C) Summary:</b> Following are operational developments of the period under report:</p> <p>1. <b>Evasion and Escape.</b> In the western section of the network, the placement of an E &amp; E cache has been accomplished. Throughout the network the training schedule of E &amp; E agents is progressing according to plan and potential wartime personnel assets are being spotted and cleared.</p> <p>2. <b>Guerrilla Warfare.</b> During the period 31 August - 6 September, a 100-man paramilitary cache was placed in the Sengengebirge (Central Austria) by a team of cleared U.S. Army personnel under the direction of the Austrian Mission. This cache fulfills CIA obligations to cache-equip a GEROCHER/DACCHER(FW) guerrilla nucleus of 225 men. Cache locations are unknown to indigenous persons and will not be disclosed to DACCHER leaders until the outbreak of hostilities. In Western Austria potential Landing and Drop Zone sites are being selected and assessed for suitability; a detailed folder has been prepared on one approved site and forwarded to Headquarters.</p> <p>3. <b>Resistance.</b> No change.</p> <p><b>(D) Effectiveness:</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>(E) Methods and Standards:</b> Not applicable.</p> <p><b>(F) Assets:</b> (Please see paragraph 2 of (C) Summary for details of recent GW cache.)</p>						

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